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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

FUMIHIRO GOTO ET AL.

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The concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese documents is given in the attached English-language abstracts and on pages 23-25 of the specification.

To the best of Applicants' knowledge a first Office Action has not yet issued.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

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A copy of the cited application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
OPE	JC	4,459,600	07/10/84	Sato et al.	346	140 R	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		6-6357	01/26/94	Japan			Abstract
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